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RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116

Sir.

This communication is in response to the Final Action of January 23, 2003.

Entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks are respectfully requested.

The amendment and remarks could not have previously been submitted in view of the Masatoshi reference being applied for the first time. In addition, the amendment merely cancels claim 5 and incorporates the subject matter into claim 1. Therefore no new issues are raised.

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